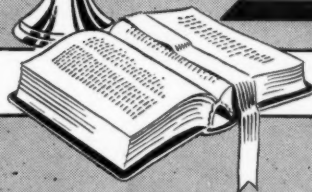


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FISHING THROUGH THE ICE (Cover Picture)

"Toiled all night and caught nothing" was not this young man's report—he has a nice number, fished from the icy waters. He did his part, but little does he realize the great tonnage of fish caught annually in the United States alone. In 1927, there were over 190,000 persons employed who caught over 1,300,000 tons of fish valued at \$109,000,000.

Jesus said He would make us fishers of men. Is our report "Toiled all night and caught nothing?" Our individual catch may appear very small, but when we think of all of us working together—last year, the report shows—49,028 saved, 26,892 sanctified, 17,341 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11,391 baptized in water, 17,604 added to the Church, with a gain of 14,537 in membership; together with total property value of nearly thirteen millions—Let's keep fishing for men!

NOTICES...

FOR SALE—One box-type, bass-tone public-address system; electric or battery. Has twenty-nine records, one hundred feet of wire, one mike with stand, and heavy-duty battery. Can be seen at trailer No. 8, B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn.—Vance H. West.

In the 1946 Minutes, in the list of Bishops, the names of Fred M. Jump

and N. A. Jordan were merged into one name, Fred M. Jordan. They should have appeared as Fred M. Jump and N. A. Jordan.—General Sec.—Treas.

KENTUCKY

District Youth Conventions District — Time — Place

Lexington, February 18, 19, Harrodsburg.

Louisville, February 21, 22, E. Louisville.

Crescent Springs, February 25, 26, Crescent Springs.

Catlettsburg, February 28-March 1, Catlettsburg.

Pinsonfork (McVeigh), March 4, 5, Freeburn.

Letcher, March 7, 8, Thornton.

Hazard, March 11, 12, Blue Diamond.

Ravenna March 14, 15, Richmond.

Berea, March 25, 26, Berea.

Somerset, March 28, 29, Somerset.

Middlesboro, April 1, 2, W. Middlesboro.

Harlan, April 4, 5, Loyall.

Bowling Green, April 11, 12, Bowling Green.

District Conventions

Somerset, March 4, 5, Somerset.

Bowling Green, March 11, 12, Oak Grove.

Lexington, March 18, 19, Lexington.

Crescent Springs, March 25, 26, Newport.

Catlettsburg, April 1, 2, Vanceburg.

Louisville, April 8, 9, Louisville.

Pinsonfork (McVeigh), April 15, 16, Pinsonfork (McVeigh).

Letcher, April 22, 23, East Jenkins.

Hazard, April 25, 26, Hazard.

Ravenna, April 29, 30, Ravenna.

Berea, May 6, 7, Berea.

Harlan, May 13, 14, Harlan.

Corbin, May 20, 21, Middlesboro.

DEATHS

WHALEY

On Sunday night, December 23, 1946, Sister Emma Whaley was on her way to church when she was hit by a truck and killed instantly. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Coosa Valley, Ala.—W. W. Parker, pastor.

BALL

January 12, 1947, the death angel came and took Sister Mattie Ball to be with Jesus. She began the work at Coosa Valley, Ala., where she was a member at the time of her death.—W. W. Parker, pastor.

WALTERS

Mrs. Susan Walters, a charter mem-

ber of the Church of God at Weyanoke, W. Va., departed this life January 11, 1947, at the age of fifty-nine. She was a devoted Christian and left a burning testimony.—R. A. Fielden, pastor.

YOUNGBLOOD

William L. Youngblood, of Adrian, Ga., passed away September 24, 1946, at the age of sixty-three. He was a faithful member of the Church of God, and is survived by his wife and three children.—Rev. Ferris Moore.

Requests for Prayer...

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please pray that the Church of God in Everett, Pa., will be able to purchase a former Presbyterian church building. It is a nice brick, with circular pews and pipe organ. We are to have first chance to buy when it is sold.—D. R. Moreland.

PRAY FOR:

God to completely heal me of nervousness, backache, and stomach trouble; also an unspoken request.—Mrs. Lena Green.

God to heal my leg, and my father who is sick and the doctors say there is no chance for him.—Mrs. W. E. Walker, Poplar Creek, Miss.

God to heal my body; I am in the bed with the flu.—Lee C. Swinford.

God to heal me of a terrible cancer.—Mrs. Lina Steifel, Albertville, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Myrtle Tate, Brudette, Ark.

My mother, that God will undertake for her.—Sara Griggin, Macon, Ga.

My mother to be healed of a serious bronchial trouble and other troubles.—Mrs. Sam Wilson, Bolton, Ga.

A friend who needs help; also for our church.—B. M. Franklin.

The Lord to heal my child.—Lawrence Bradley, Peterstown, W. Va.

God to heal me.—Everette Bishop.

An unspoken request.—Dorothy Wells, Byington, Tenn.

My home to become a christian home and God to heal me.—Mrs. Clyde Ketcherside, Festus, Mo.

God to save and heal my husband who was injured in an accident in the fall.—Ann Jones.

My son who is in the hospital in a very serious condition and unsaved.—Gertrude Palmer, Hardy, Va.

Our pastor, that God will restore his
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How Can We Help Youth?

By MANUEL F. CAMPBELL,

"How can we help youth?" Organizations are asking this. Churches are likewise asking this question. Pastors are vitally concerned with this important subject. It is being discussed from the pulpit, over religious radio broadcasts, in council rooms, and prayer meetings. I, too, have asked myself this many times while serving as pastor, evangelist, and engaged in state youth work. From coast to coast men and women are praying and searching for solutions to the problems of youth. This important subject is in the minds of thousands who are profoundly interested in helping the young people. Never in the history of the Church of God have we been awakened any greater to the needs of our young people than we are to-day; however, to help our young people requires more than just being awakened—it requires action. This we are doing! Last year we had the first National Youth Congress in our Church history. God honored this step forward by giving us marvelous services. Personally, I feel that we have good reasons to offer our humble thanks to God for the progress that has been made up to this time; however, there still remain many ways in which we can assist our young people. We shall, with the help of God, continue to push this noble work forward.

First, in order to help the young people, we must strive to understand youth and be in sympathy with their problems. There are two outstanding goals that are worthy of the expenditure of both finance and energy in striving to come to the assistance of the young people: 1. To use all the means at our disposal to curb the increasing number of juvenile delinquencies. 2. To lead the youth to Christ and to help them develop their talents for Christian leadership and for the betterment of the world. These cannot be accomplished overnight, it will require time, patience, and much prayer.



MANUEL F. CAMPBELL
Kentucky Youth Director

There are many worthy young men and women who are handicapped because of the lack of education. If you are interested in making an investment that will pay great dividends, then INVEST IN YOUTH. Finance a God-called, consecrated boy or girl through Bible School, and you will be making a great contribution to the cause of Christ.

Youth is considered the springtime of life. It is a time of dreams and stirring visions. It is a period of much activity. With purity and lofty ideals, youth is beautiful and inspiring. Youth craves action. There is something within youth that seeks expression. In the midst of all of the complexities of life, youth seeks to find himself and to become acquainted with the realities of life. He wants to know. He wants to do things for himself. Youth desires to make himself felt on the sea, in the air, on the land. Youth is on the march. Tomorrow the world belongs to youth. Youth marches forward to the tune of a modern world moving at a rapid pace; nevertheless, thousands of young

people have bowed at Calvary and pledged allegiance to Christ and the cause for which He died.

HELPING YOUTH IN THE HOME

I should like to deal also, in this message, with two other phases which affect the young people; namely, how can the Church help youth? and how can youth help himself? but because of limited space, I shall confine this article primarily to the home.

Let us consider this phase of the life of our young people, for it is of vital importance because of its far-reaching effect upon the youth. The home is a mighty influence, for good or evil, in the life of each young person. If the home is not right, the boy or girl will enter life under a severe handicap. Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of F. B. I., is convinced of the importance of home training for children. He states, "We need homes where children learn respect for their parents, respect for law, respect for God and the religious principles which must be perpetuated if America is to survive as a great nation." This coming from Mr. Hoover is worthy of our prayerful consideration.

It is sad, because many homes in America are not right. Why? Because many mothers are drinking, smoking, cursing, and have no respect for God. What can be expected from her children if they follow her example? One of the signs of the last day is that some will be without natural affection. From all indications, this sign is being fulfilled before our eyes.

A young father and mother in Nebraska gave their three children away. The reason, they said, "They make us nervous." A middle-aged mother in Tennessee, arrested for drunkenness, appealed to the city judge by saying, "Your honor, if you put me in jail this week, I won't get to see my little girl graduate from high school. She gets her diploma this week. My daughter doesn't know I was arrested." A young mother in Arizona was arrested for unmercifully beating her baby with a zipper. A doctor stated that if the baby lived, it would never be normal. The only reason she gave for beating the baby was that it cried and interfered with her reading the funny paper. I am telling you, men and women, unholy mothers can wreck a nation. A mother's touch can equal that of an angel, or the destruction of a beast.

To some, the world is getting better,

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

WATCHFULNESS

Mark 18:33

Watch—since we do not know the time of Christ's coming. No one knows the day or hour, therefore we should busy ourselves, not with trying to find the hour, but be ready for the hour, whether it be midnight or noon. It might be at three in the morning. Regardless of the hour—be ready. The swinging red light at the railroad crossing denotes danger. God's Word warns daily against sin. Sin lures; is attractive; has pleasures for a season. The awful splitting headache the morning after the night before is only another warning that a day of retribution is awaiting. Sin when it is finished, brings death.

Watch for Christ. Prepare for His coming. Do loving deeds. Help others.

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WATCH THY LIFE!

A DANGEROUS TREND

Jesus charged that the religious teachers of His day taught the doctrines of men rather than the doctrines of God. That dangerous trend in schools of religion is present in the world today.

A dean of one of our Methodist theological schools in the East remarked in the hearing of a group of students that he was seriously contemplating refusing degrees to students who did not agree with the doctrinal position of the school. That's exactly what they were doing when Jesus rebuked them. Talking of academic freedom, where does that kind of attitude land it? Hitler was engaged in just that kind of thing, preparatory to the war.

When our Methodist schools begin favoring students who copy the professors like parrots, and penalizing others who think independently, then

will begin the most fatal trend in our education that the centuries have ever witnessed.

Our Methodist theological schools are practically all liberal. Their professors are, in the main, modernists. Hundreds of students go to these schools who are sound in the faith and honestly believe the doctrines and teachings of our Articles of Religion. They are true to historic Methodism. This editor, for one, lodges his emphatic protest against any program or policy in Methodist education that would penalize such students because of their courageous loyalty to the doctrines of historic Methodism.

"Bustin' em out" because they will not accept the unitarianism, agnosticism, socialism, pacifism, and sometimes open infidelity of a bunch of modernistic professors, is an infamous disgrace. It ought to stop!—*The Methodist Challenge.*

LAW AND GRACE

Law says—Pay all.

Grace—All is paid.

Law is a work to do.

Grace is a work done.

Law restrains practice.

Grace changes principle.

Law speaks to servants.

Grace to sons and daughters.

Law points out defects.

Grace corrects them.

Law—Forgive, or you'll not be forgiven (Mark 11:26).

Grace—Forgive as you have been forgiven (Eph. 4:32).

Law—a lot of ceremonies.

Grace is actual experience.

Law is a yoke of bondage.

Grace is perfect liberty in the Spirit.

Law of sin and death.

Grace of love and life.

—THE SEED BASKET.

A LETTER

(1) Jesus became like us that we may become like Him. He was born, grew up and triumphed in the world, that He might be born, grow up and triumph in us.

The eternal Word or Christ had to become flesh, had to become the per-

fect Baby, Youth and Man with us and within us, before He could save us utterly from all our enemies, including sin, sickness and death, and make us like Him, achieved, manifest, perfect, everything.

(2) You are born of Him, when you believe He is the Christ, and receive Him, when you are feeling His love for everybody, and giving His love to as many as you can. You are baptized by Him, when you believe in Him, obey Him and let Him take entire free possession of your will, mind, soul, body and affairs. This entire free possession of the Holy Spirit which enables Jesus to manifest Himself and to bring us into ineffable union with Him, is His baptism. (John 14:15-23, especially verses 20-21.)

By being an overcomer you enter into Him, and abide in Him. When we desire, and choose to be wholly His, so that He may be to us wholly ours, we become aware that we are one with Him as the bride is with the bridegroom, and that the all of Him and His is ours.

(3) If you want a glorious year, invite Jesus to come in and be all in all of you. I have known the insane to become sane by inviting Him to come into the mind, the brain, the nerves and the life. I have known a paralytic to rise up and walk by inviting Him to come in, and as a double portion in the paralyzed parts.

(4) Leave on the outside everything that keeps you on the outside of Jesus and His kingdom, humble yourself as a little child at His feet, and through the key of holy love, enter into Him. Let Him place you where you belong, which is the best place for you; have sense enough to stay there and to be perpetually giving out His light, His love and His healing to all.

(5) You will find, by giving His love all the time you will be in His love all the time.

(6) In Him, and in His love, it is always getting better, while outside of Him and His way of life as love, it is always getting worse.

(7) Let Him make and keep you free, always to receive and to give and to do His best of all. Seek first His highest and everything you need will be added.

(8) His most special message to you is that He is greatly in love with you, and also with all, and wants you to love everyone as He loves you. (John 3:16 and John 15:12.)

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Why Be Deceived?

By MRS. JOHN F. THAMES

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," Gal. 6:7.

Friend, it does not pay to sow bad, faulty, false seed. They will not turn out a good harvest. Surely those who work for Christ desire a rich, bountiful harvest. If our seed are not according to the Word of God, what will they prosper us? If we cannot be a help, surely we do not want to be a hindrance to anyone, regardless of denomination, creed, or color. People can be deceived and deceive others, but God cannot be deceived. We must everyone give an account, every man according to his own works. The devil is going to and fro seeking whom he may devour, and if he fails to get our souls otherwise, he will try by presenting false doctrine.

Let us turn in our Bibles and see what Christ said about being deceived. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves," Matt. 7:15. What is more dangerous than a ravening wolf? "Beware" means to stay on guard, watch out for deceivers, mind what you accept. Be sure it is the Word of God rightly divided. The devil is a deceiver and will pretend he is your best friend until he gets you to believe his way; then he will leave you in the darkness to bear your burdens alone. Christ will never leave nor forsake you. He will not allow you to be tempted above that which you are able to bear, but will with every temptation make a way of escape.

The devil does not come with a pitchfork and horns, but as an angel of light, quoting scripture, pretending to be a Christian. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," 2 Cor. 11:13, 14. These deceitful workers claim to be Christians, God-called people, but inwardly they are ravening wolves teaching the commandments of men. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the command-

ments of men," Matt. 15:8, 9. God gave only commandments that will take us to heaven; therefore, we need to prayerfully study God's Word as never before. For it to be revealed to us we will have to be born of the Spirit of God. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned," 1 Cor. 2:14.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth," 1 Tim. 4:1-3. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," 2 Tim. 3:1-5. Is not a majority of the world in this condition now? "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," 2 Peter 2:1, 2. We need not wonder at sudden destruction, for God is not mocked, nor deceived, and He knows just what each one is doing.

Christ also warns of the Pharisees and Sadducees. "Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees," Matt. 16:6. "Leaven" in the New Testament means doctrine.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. "For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both," Acts 23:8. "Then came to him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection," Luke 20:27. The Pharisees are those who worship with their mouth, but their heart is far from Him. "And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platters; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness," Luke 11:39. "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God," Luke 16:15.

Remember, God is not deceived; He knows the heart, and there is a time coming when high praises of mankind will only seem as trash. Nothing but the love and Spirit of God will comfort us in the dying hour. Therefore, it will not do any good to try to deceive ourselves. Christ called such worshipers "hypocrites and blind guides." "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in," Matt. 23:13. God help us to keep our eyes on the Lord that our way may not be darkened, and we be turned back. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate," Titus 1:16. Regardless of what people say, if their lives and works are not founded upon the Word of God, they will not stand, neither will it do to follow them.

Thank God, He is not deceived. The time is coming when the deceiver and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, and tormented day and night forever and forever. Lord, help us to take heed, for this is the Word of God. It will save our precious souls from being deceived. "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the

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A Divided Race

By NADYNE CLOUSE

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," Rom. 8:1-14.

A slingshot is made of a limb which being of the same material yet branches into two separate parts, forming two individual separate parts yet made of one. Likewise, the human race is a divided race. There is the Christian race and the worldly race, yet both have their beginning of life from God in the Garden of Eden while the human race was yet one, before the division came, which was caused by Satan.

The cause of the division was sin,

or iniquity, which was found to issue from the serpent which inhabited the Garden of Eden at the time our fore-parents lived there. The division did not appear until the birth of Cain and Abel. The first noticeable trace of the division was seen in Abel, the child of righteousness, and Cain, the child of sin. It has continued throughout the generations of the human family ever since, and today we see the saints and sinners.

In verse one of the text, we find the two classes upon the earth—the divided race. In verse two we find the two laws which govern the two classes. There is a possibility of transition from one class to the other. The sinner can become a saint of God and enjoy the results of great blessing, or the saint can backslide and lose the joy of his relationship with God, but the awful results are not worth his consideration. He should strive to get sinners to come over to the happier side; however, the temptations of the wicked are always before the saint. Much more pleasantly and tempting does the evil appear when the saint begins to pray for the conversion of the sinner's soul. So, as Christians, we

are endangered when we begin to fight for souls, for it is then that Satan begins to fight us and fight for our souls.

Verse six of the text shows the penalty and reward of the two classes. The reward for the Christian and the penalty for the unconverted soul. In verse fourteen, the saint is justified and his relationship with God frees him from condemnation.

We who are on the Christian side of the race are interested in getting all we can to come with us in uniting the race in Christ. Our most fundamental method is to preach to them repentance. Jesus said, "I am the door." Now if Christ is the door, repentance must be the knob which the sinner has to turn before he can step into Christ. Let us, as Christians, invite the sinner into Christ, and after he has entered we can lead him on through the spiritual graces which lie ahead. Our main concern then is how we can get him to repent. Some of the things we can do are to shine for Jesus; show forth faithfulness, sincerity, and courage. They are the most powerful weapons we can wield against sin. They are found in our daily lives as they are produced by the Word of God which lives and abides in our hearts as we receive and obey it. By the obedience of one man were many made righteous. Obedience to God gives us good influence with men. Good influence with men wins souls.

The Holy Ghost Today

By JAMES K. EARLS

Speaking of the Holy Ghost, we find in Joel 2:28: "and it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

Go with me now to Matt. 3:11, and we find that John the Baptist came preaching repentance. He said: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

"If ye love me keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Com-

forter, that he may abide with you for ever," John 14:15, 16. Let us notice that Jesus was speaking there to His disciples. He didn't say He might give you another Comforter, but He shall give you another Comforter; that is, those who love Him and keep His commandments. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49. Jesus told them these things just before He went away because He knew they were sad. We find in reading further in this same chapter that they did go to Jerusalem and tarried. While they were praying, fasting and praising God, the Holy

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Spiritual Leaders

By CLEMON ALLEN

We are living in a day which calls for leaders; intelligent, cream of the intellectual world; literate men who are influential and tactful in every-day problems.

Congress, in Washington, is looking to our colleges and universities for men who are supposed to solve the greatest of problems. Men of this sort are placed in highly praised positions by votes of the citizens of America, even though we know nothing of their spiritual status. This is where all, Christians and non-Christians should stop and consider when casting their ballots.

THE WORLD'S WAY OF BECOMING A LEADER

Pamphlets are printed and circulated, telling all about their lives; that they graduated from certain colleges with high honors. Then a member of a certain church takes part in all outstanding affairs of the community. You will notice in campaigning for a certain position, the person will rely upon a degree of religion to back him up. Naturally, concerned citizens fall for this. We want leaders that have a spiritual knowledge of God's saving grace, leaders

from the heart and not with only an outward form. I wonder sometimes if by becoming a member or leader, one mechanically becomes converted into a Christian.

It was said of a man one time, that since he joined the lodge, he had actually started going to church and was taking part in the church program. People should join hand in hand with Jesus, our spiritual Leader, and then we will know what to join and what not to join.

LOOKING BACK TO BIBLE LEADERS

"And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain," Exodus 3: 12.

This is God's example to all generations. If we shall serve God, certainly He will be with us. Joseph was made a great leader by the king; even his name was changed to Zaphnathpaaneah, meaning "the man to whom secrets are revealed." If a king respected Joseph, a devout man of God, how much more honor would be due a king who served God in humility?

A king, president, or counsellor would be a great leader to our nation if he would ask God for spiritual advice. Carnal and sinful indulgences will blunt one's mental ability. If people will not look up to a God of righteousness, then they can only serve one other god, Satan himself. To do this will bring disillusionment and failure to a professing Christian nation which says, "In God we trust."

Daniel was made chief of the Governors because the Spirit of the Holy Ghost was upon him. Dan. 3:18. It is good to be educated, but what should be preferred is God-filled leaders who know how to develop the natural faculties which one possesses. Too much education, without God's inspiration, will bring religious chaos. Yet, we Christians are subject to severe criticism because of our faith in God.

The plea from every honest hearted American, and of all nations, should be, "God, give us more Spirit-filled leaders."

WHEN THE FALSE LEADER APPEARS

Our nation, at this very moment, is in need of someone to solve its problems of peace. Labor disturbances, racial disputes and other situations are in need of a master statesman who can weld together a government. If people do not turn to a spiritual leader of God, they will eventually turn to someone else, the antichrist, a man who can unravel mysteries. Dan. 8:23-26. To do this means an eternal seal of doom. What will cause one to turn to antichrist? One's failure to confess Christ, the real spiritual leader, as the Savior of the World, 1 John 4:1-6. We can already see the spirit of antichrist about us today. 2 Thess. 2:3-12.

Dear friends, let me make a last-minute effort to ask you to drop on your knees and there catch a vision of Christ, a Savior and Redeemer. When the spotlight is thrown on, all other leaders will be put in the dark. Christ, who shall rule and reign, shall then appear. Will you appear with Him?

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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health.—Mrs. S. C. Lambert, Pisgah, Ala.

God to touch my body.—Mrs. Clyde Wilborn, Alabama.

Me to be healed. I have low blood pressure. Also that my mother will be saved.—Mrs. Grady Thrash, Sylacauga, Ala.

That I will be healed, and that I can go to church.—Mrs. G. A. Parker, Gardendale, Ala.

The healing of my body, and for Sister Hammond to be healed. — Essie Langston, Liberty, S. C.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. A. V. Childers, Biltmore, N. C.

My healing, and my husband to be

saved.—Maggie Ragan.

The healing of my husband and me; also that I will receive the Holy Ghost. —Eva Cooper, Tennille, Ga.

God to heal me of nervousness.—Mrs. Nettie Hyre, Augusta, Ga.

A special unspoken request.—George Blanton, Frankfort, Ky.

A brother who is sick, a sister who has heart trouble, my mother and myself, that the Lord will heal; also two unspoken requests.—Mary C. Martin, Hagerstown, Md.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Helen Peoples, Huntsville, Ala.

My husband to be saved, also an unspoken request.—Gemilla Wilson.

My four-year-old boy who was badly burned. — Mrs. A. R. Luna, Law-

renceburg, Tenn.

My aunt to be healed, my father to see the light on the Holy Ghost, and my brother and his family to be saved. —Magdalene Jones.

An unspoken request; also my parents to be saved.—A reader.

An unspoken request.—A reader.

An urgent request.—A reader.

A sister in Christ, that she will recover from a prolonged illness.—Sally Walker, Sarasota, Fla.

God to come to my rescue. Seven years ago I was stricken with paralysis. At first I could not move my hands or feet, nor speak. After being prayed for, I can move my hands and feet and can sit in a wheel chair. I believe

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The Millennial Language

"For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent," Zephaniah 3:9.

A proper understanding between people and nations assures harmony and peace, whereas misunderstanding engenders strife and war. Languages are the means of communication between persons, or between nations. It is obvious, therefore, that if we all spoke the same language, were all of one tongue, there would be more harmony among the

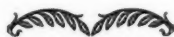


various peoples of the earth. This, however, is not an absolute guarantee of peace and harmony in the truest sense, but is a sure foundation upon which peace, unity, and harmony may be more firmly established. Witness the builders of Babel. There was some kind of unity among them when they were "of one language and one speech." They all with "one consent" followed the leadership of Nimrod and were all of one purpose; namely, to make for themselves "a name." This unity of thought and action was not, however, founded upon the principle of righteousness. Their unity was sinful. It must, therefore, be destroyed. How was this destruction brought about? It was accomplished by a confusion of the language by God Himself. Their foundation of unity was destroyed, their concert action ceased, their city became Babel; that is, "CONFUSION," and they were scattered abroad. Gen. 11:1-9.

Since the time of Babel, the nations have had their various languages, with the result that they as a whole (the whole earth) have never come to any permanent or lasting peace. One nation has looked with suspicion upon the other, whose language is not its own. Go among the foreign quarters of some of the large cities of our country and listen to the babble of tongues, and you will experience an uneasiness and will look distrustfully upon the people who are speaking.

A "pure language" will promote concord and harmony. It will instill con-

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fidence in one another, especially when it is the expression of righteous thoughts, which it will be when Christ is King of kings in the earth. Therefore, in the predictions and prophecies of millennial peace, God has said, "I will turn to the people a pure language," the purpose of which will be that the people "may call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent." By leading the people to unite in a diabolical unity against God at Babel, by taking advantage of their one speech and language, Satan has brought about the confusion of all things. He is the original "author of confusion." This confusion began in Eden, but has followed down the ages to the "present evil age." God destroyed their basis of unity because it was not rightfully used. Different opinions, different thoughts, different concepts, different aspirations, and different religious thoughts and feelings have prevailed, out of which have arisen the giant forms of hate, strife, and discord.

But God, in His great love for the world, is saving out of this confusion of sin the souls from "every tribe and nation." Rev. 5:9. Being then from every tribe and tongue, they have a different speech and language. Their unity must be based on something greater than a common speech. Hence, we find in the Scripture over and over again, that love is the Christian's basis of unity—it is the redeemed language of the redeemed soul. For the purpose of manifesting His power to usward, who are of so different a speech and tongue, and to testify to the unbelieving man, that may be of another language, God has given to the Church, for this particular age, the "gift of tongues" and the speaking in other languages by the Spirit of God, but in the restoration of all things in the great millennium, God will restore the language, and turn to the people a pure language. The confusion of tongues will pass away. Babel will be a thing of the past. The spirit of Nimrod will rule no longer. Christ will be supreme in the whole earth, with the foreign nations learning of His ways and cleaving to the house of

Jacob, serving the Lord with one consent, according to the plan and purpose of the fulness of times. Then all things will be gathered together in one, and a divine unity will prevail. Until that time, the world will continue with its various languages and the Church will need the gift of tongues along with the other gifts of the Spirit; but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away, and whether there be tongues they shall cease, along with the vanishing gift of knowledge and the failing gift of prophecy. The greater knowledge of the millennium will prevail and they will all know God from the least to the greatest. 1 Cor. 13:8-12; Heb. 8:10, 11.

Among the things of this perfect and greater knowledge will be the unity of language. We will know one another's speech. It will be no longer with stammering lips and other tongues that we will speak or be spoken to. We shall no longer see a fierce people with a deeper speech than we can perceive, of a stammering tongue that we do not understand for the confusion of tongues and the confusion of war will have passed away and the Lord will have turned to the people a pure language, by which all shall call upon the Lord and shall serve Him with one consent.

Recent research has shown that all languages of the world can be traced to one original tongue. "The many tongues of the world today are the result of the Nimrodic rebellion against God in the early period of earth's history in the Noahic age of time."—Homeletic Commentary. This shows that all languages are traceable to one which was universally spoken at one time. The same commentator has said that the original language has a close affinity with the Hebrew language. We can well believe this, inasmuch as God calling Abraham out from the rest of the nations would naturally use His language to be the vehicle of the covenant. Hebrew is therefore the covenant language. When God restores a universal language, that language will likely be the Hebrew language purified, as said by the prophet.

When God talks He has something to say worth listening to.

Yale School Evades One Cause of Alcoholism

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Yale School of Alcohol Studies has held four summer sessions, the first one in 1943, with an enrollment of seventy-odd students. At the 1946 session, there were 168 students, who spent four weeks listening to 52 lectures by 25 scientists, sociologists, educators and representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous, the liquor trade and the antialcohol movement.

The wide scope of the 52 lectures is indicated by their grouping under the following seven headings: (1) By Way of Introduction, (2) The Effects of Alcohol on the Individual, (3) The Use of Alcoholic Beverages Through the Ages and Society's Informal Controls of Inebriety, (4) Psychological Factors in Alcoholism, (5) The Magnitude of the Problem of Inebriety, (6) Formal Controls of Inebriety, and (7) The Treatment of Alcoholism.

The summer school is a part of Yale University's Laboratory of Applied Physiology, of which Dr. H. W. Haggard is the head. Dr. E. M. Jellinek, Research Associate of the Laboratory of Applied Physiology, has been director of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies since its establishment four years ago.

The founding of this school indicates that a group of scientists have become interested in America's drink problem. It is highly significant that eminent scientists recognize the seriousness of the situation and desire to do something about it. On the other hand, the very fact the school was established may be looked upon as evidence as to how well repeal has succeeded in alcoholizing America.

One does not listen very long to the Yale lectures before he discerns that their chief concern is about the chronic alcoholic. Apparently, the extremely heavy drinkers constitute the alcohol problem as they comprehend it. According to the school, there are approximately 50,000,000 drinkers in America, of whom three to four million drink excessively and 750,000 to a million may be classed as chronic

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alcoholics. The specialists seem to be chiefly interested in rehabilitating the latter, while apparently closing their eyes to the inescapable fact that the 5,000,000 excessive drinkers and chronic alcoholics were recruited from the ranks of moderate drinkers. The Yale experts are reluctant to regard moderate drinkers as potential alcoholics, who give rise to the very problem in which they are so genuinely interested.

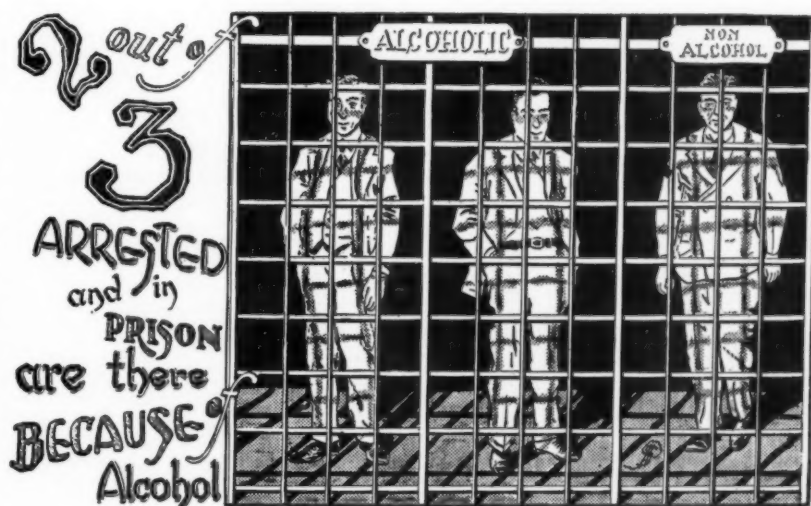
After all, by what rule can it be claimed that moderate drinkers are not as much a menace to society as chronic alcoholics. Not many of the latter are sitting at the steering wheels of automobiles. Therefore, it seems reasonable to credit the mounting number of auto accidents to drinking drivers—our highly respected moderate drinkers. The commissioner of motor vehicles of a great Eastern state connects 80 per cent of the highway accidents to tipsy drivers. Surely such a hazard to human life makes

the moderate drinker just as much of a social problem as the chronic alcoholic.

If a limited number of typhoid cases should be reported in any community, it stands to reason that every precaution would be taken to check the spread of the disease. The drinking water would be tested and every safeguard used to insure its purity. But when 10 per cent of the army of moderate drinkers turn out to be heavy drinkers and alcoholics, not even the scientists become greatly disturbed that 100 of every thousand drinkers become sick and unemployable. Surely the production of 50 or more chronic alcoholics out of every thousand drinkers calls for drastic remedial measures.

One came to have the highest regard for the 38 members of Alcoholics Anonymous who were enrolled at the 1946 summer session. Any friend of the temperance cause can rejoice in their fine record of bringing alcoholics back to the normal way of living. Personally, I want to cooperate with them in every possible way. The AA's stand alone in working with al-

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Executive Missions Secretary

NEWS FROM OUR

Foreign Missions

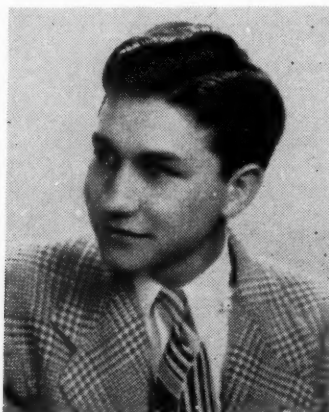


TO SEE WHAT'S COOKING . . .
in the Latin American theater of Church of God missions, is the aim of Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary, who is on the first lap of a six-week tour, during which he expects to attend the great convention in Northern Mexico, visit the work in Mexico City, review our fields in El Salvador and Guatemala, and possibly extend his trip to include Panama. Wonderful reports are flowing in from this area of the mission front.



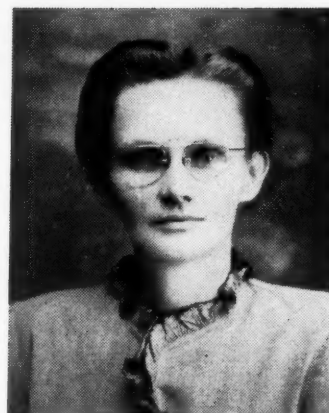
GOING ALONG . . .
to share the journey is Vessie D. Hargrave, head of this department of our extensive missions activities . . . A technician in his work, Brother Hargrave has endeared himself to the Spanish and Indian peoples.

THEY WILL INTERVIEW . . .
along with all the veteran workers, Luther Carroll, Jr., a mission renkie, who recently made his initial visit to Guatemala with his bride, Dorothy Pullin Carroll. Dorothy was reared there, and is peculiarly suited to work in this picturesque land of the Mayas . . . A Tennessee boy, Luther has a knack of making good, regardless. We are looking for God to bless the labors of this couple.



TO INDIA'S CORAL STRANDS . . .
go with the Cooks, C. E. and Ellen (right) and all the little Frenches. This is their initial trip, but they have demonstrated their worth in Puerto Rico, and with your prayers and loyal support, they will join our other workers in making this a red-letter year in Church of God missions.

GOING HOME . . .
In March is Paul Cook (below), accompanied by his wife, Emily, and little daughter, who have never seen his native India. They anticipate going as eagerly as Paul, who, after finishing our Bible School, and seeing service as an evangelist, is itching to return and help spread the gospel in the benighted land of Hindus, Moslems, and Parsees.



PRAY FOR . . .
Alva Mae McClure, tireless worker in Jamaica. Her ministry was most effective until retarded by a recent heart attack. Let's keep faith with those working under adverse circumstances on the battlefield. Her ministry is needed.



Reports

FROM THE FIELD

WEST VIRGINIA MASS MINISTERIAL MEETING—DECEMBER 16, 17, 1946

The meeting began promptly at 1:30 p.m., with Brother Winters in charge of the devotions. Following a good session of prayer, Brother H. L. Marcum delivered a timely message on "How To Build and Maintain a Church." Brother Chesser, Assistant General Overseer, gave some helpful instructions to ministers. At the evening service, Brother Chesser preached a very inspiring message on, "Lord, Open His Eyes," pointing out the greatest need of the church as a vision. On Tuesday morning, Brother O. C. Crank gave us a very encouraging talk. The message of the morning was a missionary sermon, "The World the Lord Loved," by Brother D. B. Hatfield, missionary under appointment to Egypt. After a short talk on missions by the writer, Brother Paul H. Walker passed out mission pledge cards, and in pledges and cash the ministers gave

\$650.51 for foreign missions. Before the close of the morning session, Mr. G. P. Amato gave a short talk on "Scouting in the Church."

During the afternoon session, we heard Brother Brady Dennis, our Youth Director, give a report on the Sunday School and Y. P. E. We were pleased to note the increase in these departments. Sister Bernice Stout demonstrated the potentialities of the flannel-board method of teaching, and Brother Kenneth Combs, Youth Director of Maryland, gave a short talk. The grand finale came as the candidates for ordination knelt at the altar and the bishops filed by, laying their hands on them and commending them to the Lord and His service.—Geo. R. Cook, State Secretary.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Mission district convention convened at Caruthersville, Mo., November 15-17, moderated by L. E. Holdman, district pastor, and Rev.

Wilma Henry, state overseer. God's presence was with us throughout the convention, and the services ended Sunday at noon with the altar filled with people seeking God.

Everyone enjoyed the good singing, the music rendered by the Caruthersville orchestra, and the good preaching. The Bible studies conducted by Brother Henry were especially interesting. The Y.P.E. program was under the direction of Brother Floyd Medlin, and it was wonderful to hear the young people testify for the Lord.

Even though the weather was bad, the Lord blessed the convention and we received an offering of \$42.25 for the Orphanage, and one for \$307.61 for missions.—Dollie Pollard.

WORK MOVES FORWARD IN WESTERN CANADA

The congregation in Midale, Saskatchewan, witnessed the burning of the mortgage in their church, January 3, 1947. The congregation felt privileged to have Brother Glen Pettyjohn, overseer of Eastern Canada, with them for this service. He was largely responsible for this work being started. Brothers Pettyjohn and M. G. McLuhan organized the church two and one-half years ago, following an evangelistic campaign in which many



West Virginia Ministers Attend Meeting.

were saved and the whole community stirred.

Brother William Pospisil, overseer of Western Canada at that time, appointed Brother Arnold Erickson as pastor of the church, and the church has been steadily growing under his capable leadership. The Lord has been blessing their ministry and we are looking for more great reports from Midale. Brother Erickson is also the youth director for Western Canada.—Mrs. Edward Yecha, reporter.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING

We recently completed our new church of cement blocks, for which we praise God. Brother G. D. Garner is our pastor and he surely is a humble servant. Pray for a revival here as it is badly needed, that our church will be a soul-saving station.—U. S. Parrish, clerk.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A three-day fellowship meeting just closed at the Beattyville, Ky., church, which proved a blessing to everyone present. Quite a number of good preachers were present, and the first night of the meeting Rev. L. H. Aultman, our state overseer, brought a wonderful message on "The Duty of a Christian," which thrilled our souls. Friday night, Rev. O. B. Mullins, Secretary and Treasurer of the Free Pentecostal Church of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, brought a message on "How To Have a Revival." After the message, the district pastor received four members into the Church of God. Saturday, Brother Mullins preached again, on the subject, "You Have Sold Your Soul for Naught." This was one of the greatest messages I have ever heard. We were favored with special singing by different groups present.—Rev. Carl C. Jett, pastor.

(The following report is a clipping taken from the editorial page of a local newspaper of Goldsboro, N. C., and sent in by Rev. C. H. Deans, pastor of the Church of God of that city.—Ed.)

Can You Answer This Question?

"Monday night was a dreary night—rain, wind, slippery highways, foggy. But on that night, 300 members of the Church of God traveled from various parts of eastern North Carolina to a youth rally at the Goldsboro church on Clingman Street. They came from Wilmington, Erwin, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Washington, Kinston, Greenville, and other points.

"Only a deep interest and abiding devotion to the cause could have brought so many from so far on such

a night.

"A few years ago there was no denomination of such a name in this section.

"Many other new religious sects have developed in recent years, both in North Carolina and in the Nation.

"Why is it that so many people have not found in the older denominations and sects and groups the comfort and help they seek in religion?

"Is it because somehow in the older groups they felt left out, lonely; apart, unnoticed, unappreciated, of no importance?"

DEDICATORY SERVICE

On December 1, 1946, the new church building at Fairmont, Ala., was dedicated. The presence of the Lord, the beautiful flowers, and the friendliness of the good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Dunnavant, made everyone feel good. Rev. C. T. Douglas brought the morning message, and it made the Christian people realize where they needed to be. A wonderful dinner was spread by the ladies and it was surely enjoyed. In the afternoon our state overseer, Rev. J. T. Roberts, preached the dedicatory sermon. An offering of \$271 was received to apply on our church.—Rev. L. O. Mahoffey.

GEORGIA PRAYER CONFERENCE

convened at Griffin, Georgia, January 15, 16. The state overseer, A. V. Beaubé, had a well arranged program for the occasion. The Assistant General Overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, was scheduled to be there, but on account of another prayer conference held on the same date, he could not be present and asked the undersigned to represent him at the above named gathering.

We arrived on the scene about an hour before the service opened, and found a full house of ministers and lay members singing the glad songs of Zion. One could feel that the smiles of the Lord were upon the congregation and a precious spirit of unity was prevailing. The singing throughout the conference was wonderful and at different times volumes of earnest prayers were ascending to Him whose eye was upon us.

The pastor of the local church and the committee on arrangements are due praise for the nice way they provided for the comfort of the visitors. Ministers from other denominations were present and told of the hearty welcome they had received and fur-

ther stated that the presence of God was truly with us.

The writer was asked by the state overseer to deliver a message to the ministers and all present on "Deeper Consecration and Prayer," and we assure the readers that we enjoyed administering to such an interested and consecrated ministry. Following our message, the youth director of Georgia, Clell Ray, gave an inspirational message which was greatly honored of the Lord and resulted in filling the altar with earnest seekers.

Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock, the house began to fill with the same interested group of ministers and lay members who had been there the night before, and after some instructions and announcements by the state overseer, the congregation was informed that they should consider themselves in a business conference. The location of a campground, erection of a tabernacle, camp houses on the ground, etc., was considered. After giving the matter due consideration, a committee of action was appointed and empowered to purchase the land and erect such buildings as were necessary to entertain the people during the camp meeting. More than one hundred ministers pledged to give ten days of labor each to help on the building project. We are sure that the overseer of Georgia will have an announcement in the Evangel ere long as to the findings of the committee.

The ministers in Georgia who are not pastoring were promised revivals and everything bids fair for a successful year for the Church of God in Georgia.

Arrangements were made to solicit clothes for the needy in the war-stricken countries, and we have all reasons to believe that it will prove a great success, for those present were greatly touched when they were told about the great need along that line.

At the Wednesday night service, the wide-awake listeners were favored with two timely messages; namely, "A Good Pastor," by G. R. Watson, pastor of the Riverside, Georgia church, and "Let's Have a Revival," by T. W. Godwin, pastor of the Brunswick, Georgia, church. Both messages brought tears to the eyes of the people and at times the building would resound with loud praises to the Lord.

All present returned to their respective fields of labor with a renewed inspiration and resolutions to be better ministers and members. The Lord who was present is due all the honor and glory.—E. J. Boehmer.

∴ TESTIMONIES ∴

I feel that I must thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He has healed me many times. One outstanding healing has been effected in my life. I was afflicted and there were times when the pain was so intense I could not stand on my feet, lift a bucket of water, or do anything that caused the least strain. After much earnest prayer, the Lord healed me. There was another time in my life when I hardly knew what it was to be without a headache, which became so severe that I felt like I would die if I suffered another one of those awful attacks; but Jesus completely healed me of this affliction also. I know His name is worthy of all the praise. — Lela Culpepper, Live Oak, Fla.

I thank God for His Son, Jesus, who made it possible through His blood that we could be healed. I had a cancer on my face, and also had stomach trouble. My condition became such that I could hardly eat. My wife wrote for prayer, and God healed my face. The cancer came out and never left a scar. It is sound and well now. My stomach is also improving. I can eat almost anything and I sleep well. I have gained several pounds. I don't doubt the Lord at all; I have been trusting Him since 1912, and to Him be all glory. I want to thank each one who prayed for me and wrote me letters.—J. A. Padgett, Lake Park, Ga.

A tree fell on my husband, hitting him on the head. It seemed that he was going to pass out of this old world, but we began to pray and cry out to the Lord and He healed him. We thank God for this old-time salvation—it is so sweet to trust in Him.—Mrs. L. C. Boatner, Oak Grove, La.

A TESTIMONY OF HEALING

In August, 1945, I was stricken with a terrible pain in my left leg. The pain was so severe I could not walk. I could neither sit nor lie down with any comfort. It seemed as if there were a hot tight band around my leg all the time. After three weeks of intense suffering, I decided there was nothing I could do to help myself. My husband wanted me to see a doctor, but I decided to ask the pastor and members of the Church of God to pray for me.

When Sister Lavina Box came over, I asked her if she would request a special prayer for my leg at church that night. About 8:30 that evening, I was praying and asking my blessed Jesus to help me, when I seemed to feel the tightness of the cords in my leg relax. I said, "Thank you, Jesus." I went to bed about 9:30 and slept all night. Praise God.

In November, Sister Helen DeFino and Sister Rose Finelli held a revival at the Church of God. I went to it. When I first started going, I limped and suffered much pain while walking, but when the revival was over I could walk without a limp or pain. I have not worn my elastic stocking since. I praise God for His wonderful healing power.

This last fall, when Brother Camp and Brother Mastin held a revival, I was healed of hemorrhoids and a bad acid stomach. Since Brother Collins came and held a revival, I was blessed with God's healing touch. I can thank God for faith in prayer and I want to be faithful to my blessed Lord. Please pray for me, that I will press on with Him.—Mrs. Alma Lancaster, West Enfield, Maine.

I love the Lord this morning more than I can tell, and I want to praise Him for coming to my rescue. I was suffering severely with arthritis. Our good pastor, his wife, and several other good Christian people came and prayed for me and God wonderfully touched my body. He has touched my body many other times and answered my prayers.—Mrs. Zula Edwards, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Praise God for His wonderful healing power. Our little grandson was very sick. He would groan and fight for his breath. Brother and Sister Hargrave got some of the people together and prayed for him and God healed him, when it seemed he was almost gone. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. He has been so good to us in many ways since we have been serving Him.—Mrs. L. A. Brown, Brownfield, Texas.

I want to tell everyone how the Lord has brought me through some fiery trials. I have gone through such hard trials for the past few months

that I was almost ready to give up in despair. I kept right on praying, however, along with the good Christian people who were praying for me, and the other night as Brother C. C. Rains was preaching a soul-stirring message, the burden was lifted and the Lord truly blessed my soul. He has been blessing me ever since.—Bessie Franklin, Indianapolis, Ind.

THANKING GOD FOR LEADING ME INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD

I am thanking and praising God for His wonderful love He has bestowed upon His children. I am so thankful that God led me into the Church of God. I have been in the ministry for thirteen years, but I knew nothing of the Church of God until about three years ago when I attended the state convention in Corona, Calif. There I met Brother J. H. Walker in this convention, also Brother John E. Douglas. I felt such a warm welcome from all the brethren in this convention and from that time on I knew God was in the Church of God in a wonderful way. I knew they had something I wanted.

I thank God for an organization which believes and practices holiness. The fact is I have always been Church of God and didn't know it. It is wonderful how God led me into this great movement. I had pastored some of the best churches in the organization I came out of, but for three years I prayed and cried before God, and finally God broke my will and I said, "Yes," to Jesus. I have had such a warm welcome from the officials of the Church; especially the state officials in California. I am now doing evangelistic work and the Lord is keeping me busy. Should you desire me for a revival on the West coast or in Arizona, my address is 3702 W. 111th St., Inglewood, Calif. For references write Rev. J. H. Hughes and John E. Douglas.—Evangelist Fred Patterson.

My little granddaughter got up one morning with her eye so red it looked as if blood would run out of it. My daughter took her to the doctor and he punctured it, but it didn't do any good. It got so bad she couldn't see out of it. When I learned about it, I went to God in earnest prayer that He would restore her sight. When I went there the next morning, she met me and could see. She doesn't even have to wear glasses and goes to school now everyday.—Mrs. Fannie Scott, Clearwater, S. C.

WHY BE DECEIVED

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flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ," 2 John 2:7. Here is what the Word of God has to say about such worshippers: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son," 1 John 2:23. "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time," 1 John 2:18. But praise be to God, those who have had their sins covered by the precious blood of Jesus Christ keep praying and searching His blessed Word, for the truth of God will not be deceived.

YALE SCHOOL EVADES ONE CAUSE OF ALCOHOLISM

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coholics. No other group can do as well, no matter how much in favor of sobriety they may be.

The fact cannot be overlooked, however, that the AA's and the Yale School have the same tolerance for moderation, forgetting as they do, that in many cases their alcoholism was a gradual development from the mildest form of moderation. Yes, we'll agree the alcoholic is a sick person, but we still believe many of them were sick from overindulgence in varying degrees long before they became chronic cases.

The psychiatrists on the faculty analyzed the reasons why men and women take to drink. Some start from inability to resist social pressure, others to escape reality and dull surroundings, and still others to forget their troubles. Dr. Hersey very aptly declared that alcohol never removed or solved any problems, only created a new one to aggravate those that could not be escaped. But not a word was officially said in four weeks about the greatest single factor in starting so many young people on the perilous pathway of moderation—the gigantic alcohol education campaign carried on by the brewers, distillers and vintners under the guise of advertising at an annual cost of approximately \$75,000,000. Were young people not being persuaded to start drinking in large numbers, the liquor interests would save the money they now spend in keeping alcoholic beverages constantly before the public by the means of billboard, magazine, newspaper, and radio advertising.

Yes, I attended the 1946 summer session, received much valuable information from the lectures, and formed what I hope will be lasting friendships while mingling with the students on the campus and in the dining room. There is a service for science to render, especially in finding out more than we now know about the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol upon those who drink it. More power to Alcoholics Anonymous in their splendid efforts to reclaim those who learned too well how to drink. With what knowledge science can impart from time to time and the inspiration derived from the self-sacrificing devotion of AA's, I dedicate anew my efforts in behalf of total abstinence for the individual and gradual elimination of the traffic in beverage alcohol for the state and nation.—*National Civic League, 304 F Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C.*

THE HOLY GHOST TODAY

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Ghost came upon them on the day of Pentecost, as is recorded in Acts 2:4, and they did speak with tongues.

Before they received the Holy Ghost, they were in the Temple praying and fasting; all in one mind and one accord. That is a good example for people to follow today. Some people might say it was just for the disciples. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh," Acts 2:17. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the

Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:39.

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost," Acts 19:1, 2. These were some of John's converts. He came preaching repentance, but he told the people there was one coming after him, that was mightier than he. Paul was speaking to the disciples at Ephesus about the Holy Ghost. "And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied," Acts 19:6.

People in this evil day need the Holy Ghost. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection," Rev. 20:6. We need to put on the whole armor of God.

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOUTH?

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however it takes only reading the daily papers to have this fond hope shattered into oblivion. A mother in Michigan was charged with first-degree murder of her little four-year-old daughter in a bathtub. The mother confessed, "I laid her face down in the water. I leaned over her. I just held her head gently down with my left hand. I wanted it to be over quickly. She was pretty small. She didn't make any struggle." A mother in Massachusetts said, "I put my baby in the attic three days ago. I put her there to die and I haven't seen her since." The child died of starvation. A young mother in Texas was indicted for killing her baby with a razor blade. On and on these shocking reports are made from different sections of these United States. We ask, "How can these things be?" We need to pray, "God save us; we perish."

There is definitely a delinquency among parents in this country. The women are not entirely to blame for this either. Some men are poor substitutes for husbands. They expect their wives to remain at home with the children while they are free to come and go as they wish. They leave the duty of taking the children to Sunday School to their wives. They go out and gamble and get drunk and their children go hungry. This is not right. No wonder many mothers become so discouraged. God bless the faithful, courageous, sacrificial, God-fearing mothers of America. They are God-sent blessings.

Our young people, as a whole, are in need of more home training. The home life of some children is like "hell on earth"; but it need not be such, because the love of God in the heart of the father and mother can make it a little "heaven on earth." A teacher asked her children this question, "Children, where is heaven?" A little boy raised his hand and said, "Teacher, I can tell you, it's at my house since my father and mother found the Lord." The greatest need in the American homes is God.

In many homes, family worship is a thing of the past. How is it in your home? If you are neglecting this sacred worship with your children, they are not being trained up in the way they should go. If you want your children to kneel and be nice when the pastor calls at your home for prayer, train them when the pastor is

not present. One preacher said, "If you don't teach your children to pray, the devil will teach them to curse." I repeat, the greatest need in the American homes is God.

Despite the iniquities of this God-hating, sin-loving, pleasure-seeking world, there are still fathers and mothers who love God and they are bold to assert, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." They are the salt of this troublesome world.

I am giving six suggestions which I consider to be both practical and beneficial if used. It is a six-point home program. Remember, the more young people are neglected in the home, the greater the responsibility the Church must assume.

FOR THE PARENTS

1. To have a family worship daily.
2. To encourage the young people to read at least one chapter of the Bible daily.
3. To encourage the young people to remain for the Sunday morning sermon. (Our young people need the gospel.)
4. To encourage Y. P. E. and Sunday School attendance.
5. To teach the children to be quiet and respect the house of God.
6. To refrain from criticizing the pastor and members of the Church, at least in the presence of the children; it will destroy their faith.

If we can save the tender youth at home, God will have stalwart young men and women to continue pushing His work forward with great strides.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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God is going to completely heal me.—Mrs. Starling Smith, Williamsburg, Ky.

My mother, who has a very serious heart disorder.—Lucille Warren, Cullman, Ala.

God to heal me of goiter and heart trouble.—Mrs. Jessie Robison, Lenoir City, Tenn.

God to heal my body; also my daughter who is in a weak, nervous condition.—Mr. Ewell Rice, Freeburn, Ky.

God to heal me of arthritis.—Mrs. James Hatfield, Freeburn, Ky.

My son who is in Germany; I can't hear from him.—Mrs. Mary E. Wyatt, College Corner, Ohio.

An urgent request. — Mrs. D. H. Fuller, Clovis, N. Mex.

God to undertake for my home.—Mrs. Lizzie Rice, Tallulah, La.

God to heal me of a large-cell tumor of the spine.—Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Waynesboro, Pa.

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